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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Gregory S. HAMILTON et al.

Examiner: C. Chang

Serial No.: 09/204,236

Art Unit: 1612

Filing Date: December 3, 1998

For: **N-LINKED SULFONAMIDES OF N-HETEROCYCLIC CARBOXYLIC ACIDS
AND CARBOXYLIC ACID ISOSTERES**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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This is in response to the Official Action dated January 27, 2000. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire April 27, 2000. Accordingly, a Petition for Three-month Extension of Time is attached hereto extending the period for reply to July 27, 2000.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-2, 9-10, 12-13 and 28-71 without any prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter expressed therein.

3. (Amended) [The] A compound [of claim 1, wherein] having the

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